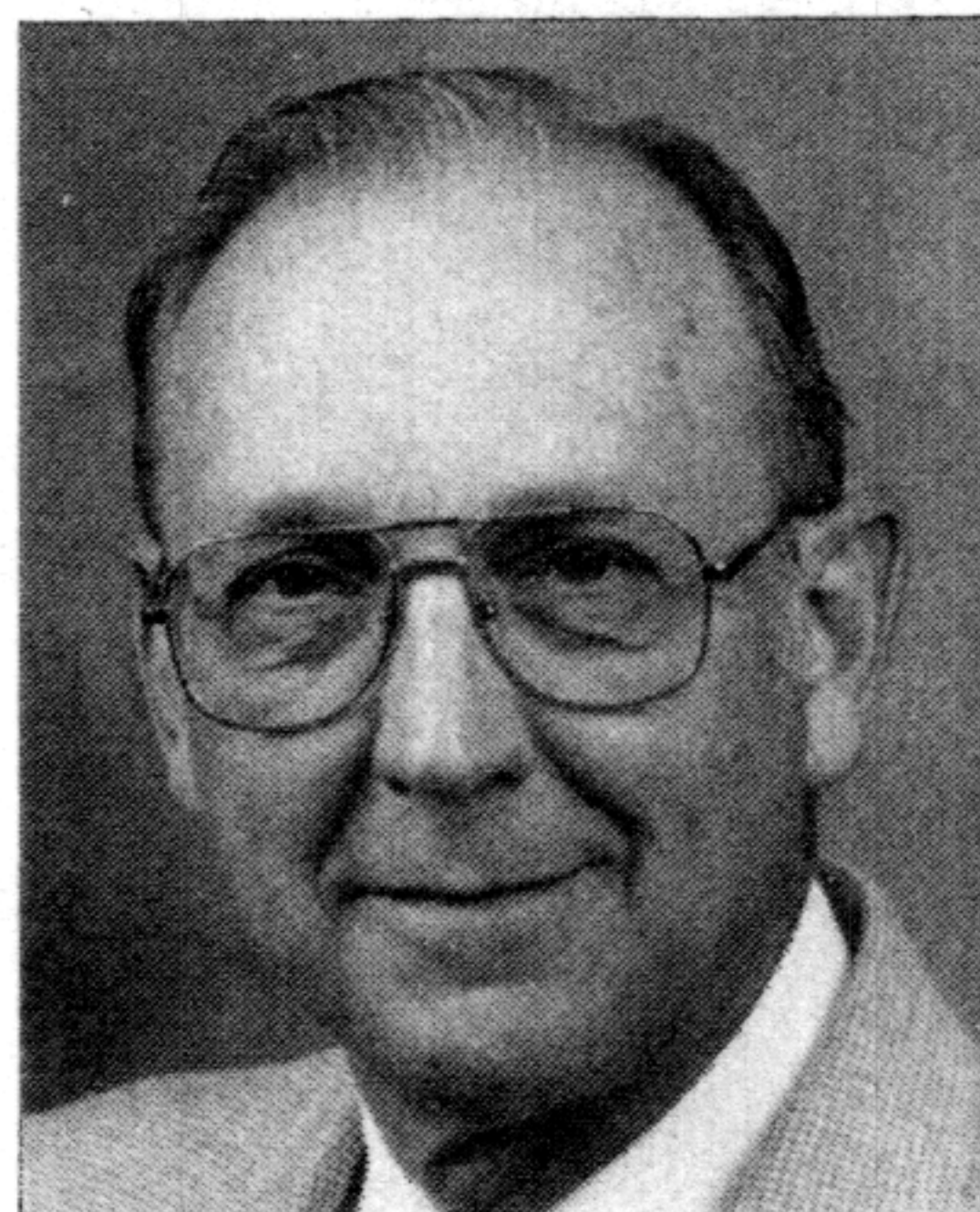


Dr. Eddie R. Fowler is 1999 National Outstanding Advisor

Tau Beta Pi has named its sixth National Outstanding Chapter Advisor in its program to recognize the important contribution of engineering faculty to their students and collegiate chapters. **Dr. Eddie R. Fowler**, *Kansas Gamma '57*, advisor to the Kansas Gamma Chapter and recently retired professor of electrical and computer engineering at Kansas State University, is the *1999 Tau Beta Pi National Outstanding Advisor*. He was honored on October 9, 1999, at the 94th annual Convention held in Madison, WI. President Douglas M. Green, P.E., presented \$1,000 and a commemorative plaque to Dr. Fowler. Another \$1,000 cash grant was presented to the engineering college's discretionary fund.



Dr. Fowler has served the Kansas Gamma Chapter and District 9 for many years, providing an outstanding role model and encouraging mentor to the students and serving as a dedicated spokesman to the administration. At the university during 1982-99 and recognized as an outstanding teacher several times, he continues as a Director of District 9 and as a member of the chapter's advisory board.

New Director of Engineering Futures

Russell W. Pierce, *Washington Alpha '70*, was appointed Tau Beta Pi Director of Engineering Futures effective July 1, 1999, for a term ending June 30, 2003. He is an information technology systems implementation manager for Lockheed Martin Technical Operations in Titusville, FL. Previously, he worked on the Space Shuttle program for the United Space Alliance at the John F. Kennedy Space Center. He joined Lockheed Missiles and Space Company in 1979 as an engineering group leader on the Trident missile program at the strategic weapons facility in Bangor, WA, after six years as a project engineer in applied research in electro-optics and lasers with the Naval Weapons Center in China Lake, CA.



Born in England, he spent four years in the U.S. Air Force and then earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees in electrical engineering from the University of Washington in 1970 and 1972 and his M.B.A. at Florida Institute of Technology in 1997.

Russ has served as District 5 Director since 1995 and as an Engineering Futures Facilitator since 1992. Holder of two U.S. patents for laser applications, Russ is a member of Eta Kappa Nu, Delta Mu Delta, the National Management Association, and the Institute of Professional Managers and has been a certified professional manager since 1991. An adjunct instructor at the University of Phoenix Graduate School of Business, he lives in Cocoa Beach, FL, with his wife Paulette and daughter Christina.

Since 1991, Dr. Fowler has been an effective Tau Beta Pi leader and team player. His encouragement and dedication was recognized by Dr. Terry S. King, *Iowa Alpha '73*, dean of engineering, who praised him for his institutional wisdom and practical advice, which in no way diminished the experiences of the students and which led to the success of the 1998 Tau Beta Pi national convention. Dr. King lauded him as "caring, committed, conscientious, and visionary."

During the eight years he served under Dean Emeritus Donald E. Rathbone, *Indiana Alpha '51*, Dr. Fowler helped showcase the chapter and the college through the many new activities which he helped to organize, such as adapting toys for disabled children and planting trees for a landfill project. His long-range planning sessions for chapter officers and officers-elect provided excellent continuity for Kansas Gamma and kept communications ongoing with the administrators.

The students themselves regard Dr. Fowler for one salient trait, his unique ability to relate to them. He is not just an advisor, he is a true friend; he enjoys sharing in their achievements, and he listens to their personal problems. His office door is always open, and he is available at home, where each semester he hosts a gathering of all the officers. He has become the backbone of the chapter for nearly a decade and is deserving of this prestigious national award.

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